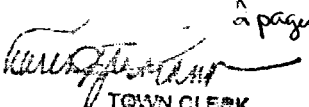


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Board of Finance, Town of Stafford
Veteran's Meeting Room
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2019 7 PM

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Board Members Present: Jane Slater, Chair, Gary Fisher, Francis Moriarty, Tony Pellegrino, David Walsh
Board Members Absent: Brian Bagley
Board Alternates Present: Richard Shuck, Conrado Ulloa
Board Alternate Absent: Steven Geryk

First Selectman Mary Mitta and Board of Education Business Manager Diane Peters were also in attendance.

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Slater called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2) **ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Upon motion of Mr. Pellegrino and seconded by Mr. Moriarty, the Board voted unanimously to seat alternate member Richard Shuck for absent member Brian Bagley. A quorum was established.

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, 2019 MEETING**

Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the Board approved the minutes from the January 4, 2019 Regular Meeting.

4) **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD OF EDUCATION'S LETTER FROM THE STATE OF CT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONCERNING THEIR MBR.**

On October 26th, 2018, Superintendent Moccio received a letter from the State of Connecticut's Department of Education stating that Stafford is noncompliant by \$239,655 in meeting the 2018-2019 Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR). He came before the Board of Finance at their November and December 2018 meetings to discuss when this appropriation would be made. At that time, the Board chose to wait until their February meeting to further discuss and make a decision on the MBR allocation, with hope that the State will have more information and possibly waive the MBR shortfall.

Mr. Moriarty motioned to appropriate the noncompliant MBR amount of \$239,655 to the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Walsh.

Ms. Slater explained that due to the amount being appropriated, it would have to be brought to a Town meeting for discussion and vote. If it passes at a Town meeting, the Town can make the appropriation to the Board of Education. The Board discussed that if we allocate the funds, and then the State decided to waive the appropriation, what would happen. Mr. Shuck suggested the Board move forward with the Town meeting for approval, but hold off on making the appropriation until June 30th, 2019.

Mr. Pellegrino suggested changing the language of the motion to making the MBR appropriation on June 1st, 2019.

After discussion with the Board, Mr. Moriarty amended his motion to state:

I move the Board of Finance send to a Town Meeting to appropriate to the noncompliant MBR amount of \$239,655 to the Board of Education on June 1st, 2019. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh. The vote passed with a 5 (Slater, Fisher, Moriarty, Pellegrino, Walsh) to 1 vote (Shuck). Mr. Shuck explained he voted no because it's not subject to what the state is doing.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Slater asked First Selectman Mitta if she will have individual department heads come before the Board of Finance to discuss their budgets. Richard Shuck asked how the Board of Finance wants the Board of Selectmen's budget presented to the Board of Finance. Ms. Slater said she would like a brief explanation if a budget line item would be increased or decreased. Mr. Walsh complimented First Selectman Mitta on how she presented her budget last year.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Mr. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary, Board of Finance